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SUBJECT: PSD ACCEPTS PS/CDS GOVERNMENT

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1. CHARGE AND EMBOFF LUNCHEDED JAN 19 WITH PSD INTERIM
PRESIDENT SOUSA FRANCO AND NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER ROSETA.
SOUSA FRANCO CAME DIRECTLY FROM HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
EANES (REFTEL).

2. PS/C DS GOVERNMENT: SOUSA FRANCO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE
SOCIALIST/CENTER DEMOCRAT GOVERNMENT WAS A FAIT ACCOMPLI.
HE DESCRIBED HIS MEETING WITH EANES AS REVOLVING AROUND
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TWO POINTS: TYPE OF OPPOSITION SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WOULD
PURSUE; SOUSA FRANCO'S REASONS FOR
REMAINING IN OPPOSITION. ON FIRST POINT SOUSA FRANCO
TOOK PAINS TO STATE THAT PSD WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE IN
OPPOSITION, WHICH WOULD BE "SELECTIVE" AND NOT "SYSTEMATIC".

3. MISSED OPPORTUNITIES: THROUGHOUT OUR CONVERSATION

SOUSA FRANCO SEEMED GENUINELY SADDENED THAT PSD WAS REMAINING OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT. HE ASCRIBED THIS TURN OF EVENTS TO PS NEGOTIATING TACTICS BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRESIDENT HAD TOLD HIM TODAY PSD ABSENCE FROM GOVERNMENT WAS RESULT OF SA CARNEIRO'S PERSONAL INABILITY TO NEGOTIATE AND COMPROMISE.

4. PSD FUTURE: SOUSA FRANCO MADE CLEAR, WITHOUT ELABORATING, THAT FUTURE OF PSD AND HIS PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH CARNEIRO ARE VERY MUCH UP IN AIR AT MOMENT. THE NATIONAL CONGRESS AT END OF JANUARY SHOULD SEE SOME CLARIFICATION. COMMON THREAD THAT RAN THROUGH COMMENTS OF BOTH PSD LEADERS WAS THAT SOCIAL DEMOCRATS COULD NO LONGER AFFORD THE LUXURY OF FOLLOWING DICTATES OF ONE MAN, SA CARNEIRO, NO MATTER WHAT HIS PAST SERVICES HAD BEEN.
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